



Annual General Meeting April 1-5, 2020

1. **The year of the Covid-19 pandemic:** The Board of Directors considered how to safely conduct our Annual General Meeting at a time when social distancing is required, and groups are no longer allowed to gather. The Board unanimously agreed that pertinent information could be provided to our membership digitally; including the annual report, the budget, minutes from the previous AGM, and a Google Form for voting. An explanation of how and why we were proceeding in this way was sent to all plot holders by email.
2. **Opportunity to review relevant information and to vote:** On April 1, 2020, an email was sent to all those with plots at the Abbotsford Community Garden. Gardeners were encouraged to download and review all the relevant items (listed above). They had until midnight on April 5, 2020 to cast their votes.
3. **Attendance:** A total of 47 plot holders participated, which is well above the required quorum.
4. **Report for the Abbotsford Community Garden Society AGM April 2020:**
Karen Bush
 - Gardeners were welcomed to our first ever digital AGM.
 - It was noted that the three items needing approval were: acceptance of the minutes of the previous AGM, the Treasurer's report, and the election of the ACG Society's Board of Directors for the term April 2020 to March 2021. The reports arrived as attachments. The voting form came as a separate email. One vote per plot number was allowed.
 - Reported updates and changes: It was noted that a malicious attack was made on the goats in October, 2019. Because of this, it was decided to take a year off from keeping goats. This decision will be re-evaluated. In-kind hours for 10' by 10' plots be reduced to 3 hours. Due to the creation of 9 new plots, the community vegetable garden has been halved. The team will decide on a rotation of crops and vegetable choices, remembering to provide maximum benefit. Nominations for the Board were received in February by email. (This was a new, timely decision.) Roles of board members will be established by the board. Gardeners were reminded to keep communication by email. A reminder was included



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about how gardeners are to follow strict safety guidelines during the Covid-19 Outbreak. Everyone received an email with full instructions. They are also published on the website and posted in the greenhouse. New members cannot be registered this spring because of the virus. Changes in in-kind hours will be emailed to members. Finally, reminders about things such as parking restrictions, need for fence repair, no dogs apart from licensed service dogs, no taking from other plots, gardeners are responsible for removal and disposal of lumber and other materials and for locking the greenhouse and gate when they are the last to leave.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Stan Tam: Stan noted that: "Total revenues for the year ended September 30, 2019 exceeded total expenses by \$513.37. However, the total plot rental revenue was actually less than the total expenses by \$404.85 This deficit was offset by the additional revenues from forfeited clean-up deposits and interest earned from short-term investments." Our most significant expenses were for compost, insurance and equipment. We purchased 2 new weed eaters and several garden hoses. The proposed budget for 2020/2021 is for \$3,460. Provision has been made for a social committee event and for website expenses. The bulk of our anticipated costs is for supplies, and is in line with the previous year's expenses.
6. **Voting results:** Gardeners used Google Forms to vote on the three questions. They were required to provide email address, name and plot number. It was noted on the form that each plot number receives one vote. *All three questions were unanimously agreed upon.* They were:
 - **Motion to approve Minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting**
 - **Motion to approve the Financial Report.**
 - **Motion to elect the following Board of Directors for 2020: Jane Pritchard, Stan Tam, Kate Jordan, Shirley Tam, Sue Seguire, Teresa Thiessen, Jim Bush, Lois McKenzie, Judy Chalifoux, Tim Penner, Geoff Hughes-Games.**

The results of the vote were reported to the Board on Monday, April 6th, 2020. The recording secretary was asked to write up the Digital AGM minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Jordan, recording secretary